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Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Virginia
COUNTY:	Charlotte
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
Greenfield

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
.1 mile East of Rt. 656, .6 mile North of intersection with Rt. 40.

CITY OR TOWN:
Charlotte Court House Vicinity (W. C. Daniel, Fifth District Congressman)

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Virginia	51	Charlotte	037

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure 	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson

STREET AND NUMBER:
Greenfield

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Charlotte Court House	Virginia	51

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
Charlotte County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE	CODE
Charlotte Court House	Virginia	51

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory

DATE OF SURVEY: **1958** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Washington	D. C.	11

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Greenfield, the oldest surviving, two-story frame dwelling in Charlotte County, stands in an excellent state of preservation. The house has a five-bay, single-pile two-story main section flanked by two-bay one-story wings. Both the main section and wings are covered by shallow gable roofs. The main section has a modillion cornice while the wings have simple box cornices. Projecting from the main roof are two interior-end chimneys. Sheltering the front door is a gable roof porch supported on chamfered wooden posts. The first floor windows have nine-over-nine sash while those of the second floor have six-over-nine sash. A shed roof gallery extends across the rear of the house.

The focal point of Greenfield's interior is the handsome Georgian stair in the center hall. The stair features three turned balusters per step, scrolled end boards, and molded hand rail. In the dining room is a notable chimneypiece consisting of flanking floor to ceiling fluted pilasters interrupted by a chair rail molding, and a tall mantel with cornice shelf, architrave surround, and an unusually deep reeded frieze. The matching parlor lacks pilasters and the mantel frieze is only partially reeded. The hall, parlor, and dining room are all treated with paneled wainscoting. The rooms in the wings and on the second floor have woodwork similar to that in the principal rooms but it is more simple. Nearly all the woodwork, hardware, and some of the furnishings are original to the house.

The house has undergone a recent renovation which included the addition of a kitchen wing on the rear of one of the wings, and the replacement of the early wooden shingle roof with one of concrete shingles. Some of the woodwork required replacement as well. Greenfield has a handsome park-like setting that contributes to the house's aesthetic appeal and historic flavor.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic	<input type="checkbox"/> Industry		<u>History</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Invention	<input type="checkbox"/> Science	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Literature	<input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Theater	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Communications	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation			_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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Clement Read patented 10,000 acres in present-day Charlotte County (formed from Lunenburg in 1764) during the 1730's. He established himself at Bushy Forest and served in the offices--Clerk of the County Court, Vestryman, Colonel of Militia, and Burgess-- which his sons and grandsons would hold after him. He and his descendents were, in short, members of the gentry of rural Virginia; who, as Charles Sydnor has observed:

Managed the business of the county and influenced the lives of their neighbors in many important respects. In local affairs, the members of the gentry were the government; and it was they who applied to local problems, both public and personal, such laws and policies as the provincial government had adopted.

Following Clement Read's Death, in 1763, Mary Hill Read, proved herself to be one of the most competent and accomplished "great planters" of the region as well as a mother of talent and matriarch to the most powerful family of the county. Clement and Mary Hill Read's children made their homes at Ingleside, Ash Camp (since destroyed), Greenfield, and Retirement.

Greenfield was the home plantation of Colonel Isaac Read(1739-1777), and remains today, as it has been since his death, owned and occupied by one of his descendents. Isaac Read built the house at Greenfield in 1771, the year that he married Sarah Embra. The hand-hewn timbers and other materials used in its construction were taken from the site and fashioned by servants of the plantation community.

Following Isaac Read's early death, his widow held tenancy in the estate until their son (born the year his father died) attained his majority. This son, Isaac Read II(1777-1823), in turn, left Greenfield to his widow, Anne Mayo Venable Read (1785-1869), under whose direction the plantation prospered and became the quint-essential home of the Read Family and clan. It was not until the impoverished years following Appomattox that the estate returned, both in ownership and administration, to male hands. William Watkins Read (1821-1889) finally inherited Greenfield, which he managed to preserve intact although, due to the circumstances of the times, it did not prosper.

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STATE Virginia	
COUNTY Charlotte	
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#8 Significance

The house and surrounding acreage are presently owned by Mrs. Stanley (Anne Charleton) Anderson; The remainder of the property is owned by Mrs. Anderson's brother, Read Charleton, their mother being a descendant of Isaac Read. H. P. P.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

J. D. Eggleston, "Distinguished Descendents of Colonel Clement Read,"
and Robert F. Hutcheson, "Bushy Forest and Other Charlotte
County Homes of the Early Reads."

Virginia George Redd, "Greenfield and Ingleside: The Reads of Little
Roanoke," in The Hampton-Sydney Record, 43(Winter 1969):2-5.

Alice Read Rouse, The Reads and Their Relatives, 1930.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	37 ° 04 ' 17 "	78 ° 35 ' 10 "		0		
NE	37 ° 04 ' 17 "	78 ° 34 ' 32 "				
SE	37 ° 03 ' 50 "	78 ° 34 ' 32 "				
SW	37 ° 03 ' 50 "	78 ° 35 ' 10 "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 100 acres

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Staff

ORGANIZATION: **Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission** DATE: **August, 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN: **Richmond** STATE: **Virginia** CODE: **51**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name J. R. Fishburne

Title J. R. Fishburne, Director
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

Date OCT 17 1972

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

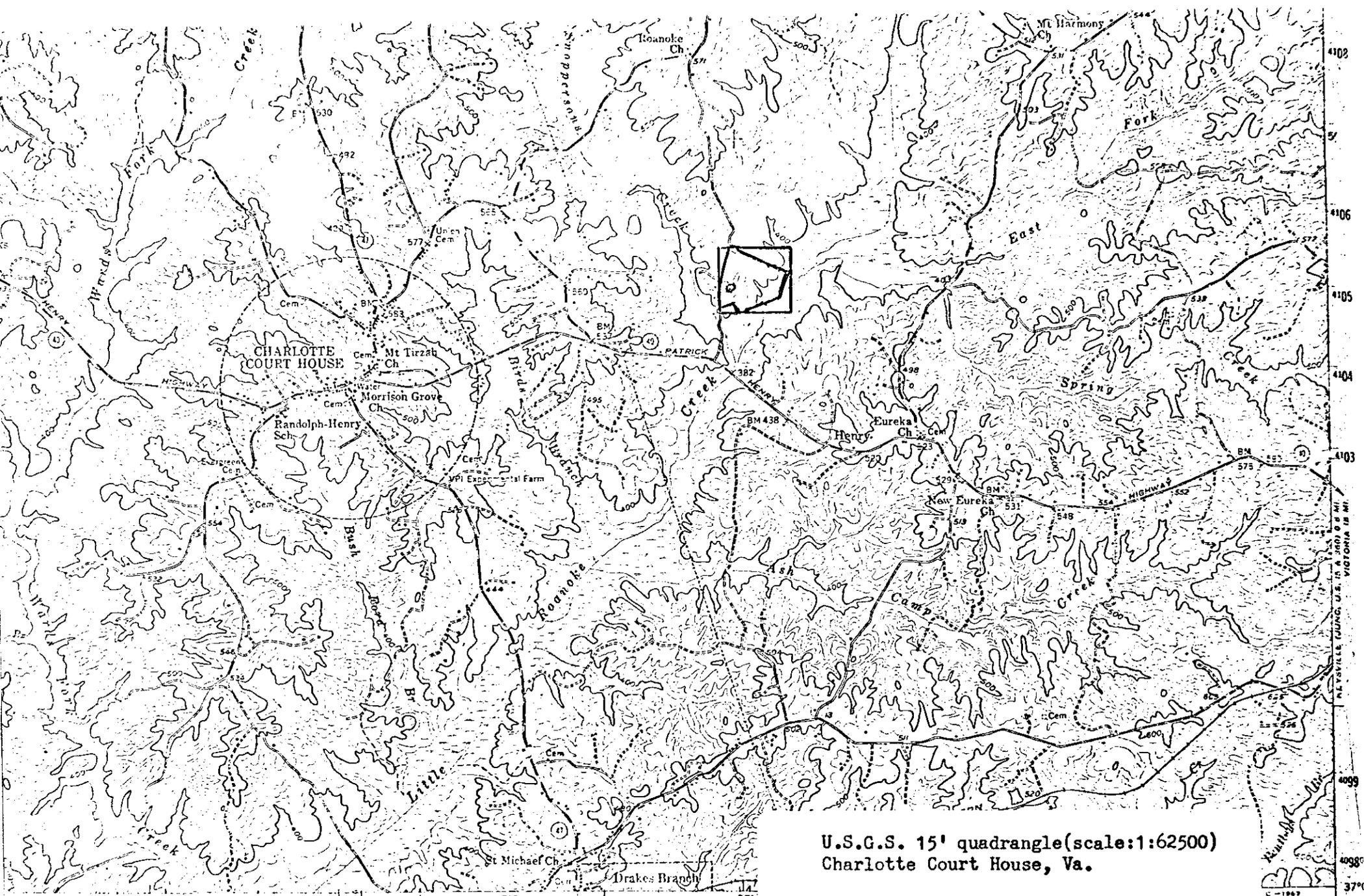
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ATTEST: _____

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

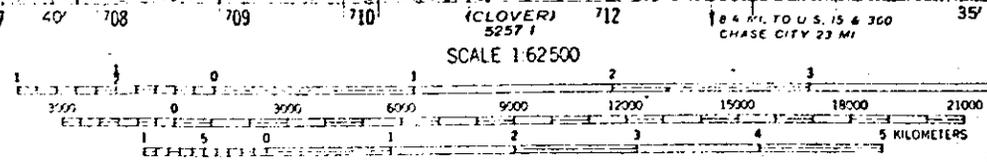
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U.S.G.S. 15' quadrangle (scale: 1:62500)
 Charlotte Court House, Va.

GREENFIELD
 latitude
 NW37°04'17"
 NE37°04'17"
 SE37°03'50"
 SW37°03'50"

longitude
 78°35'10"
 78°34'32"
 78°34'32"
 78°35'10"



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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